

Forest Conservation Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 22, 2009

Prepared by: Bill Pastor

ATTENDEES

Members

Paul Allen (WSSC), ex officio
Pamela Browning
Rick Brush
Jim Hubbard
Dan Landry
Brett Linkletter (DOT), ex officio
Daniel Lyons
Norman Mease
Laura Miller (DEP), ex officio
Bill Pastor
Mark Pfefferle (M-NCPPC), ex officio
Dave Plummer (MSCD), ex officio
David Post
Jeff Schwartz

Linda Silversmith
Bryan Straathof

Absent members

Ginny Barnes
Andrew Der
Caren Madsen
Clark Wagner

Others attending

Rob Shreeve, MD SHA OEA
Arlene Bruhn
Mike Smith
Jim Fary

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The meeting was called to order t 7:05 PM

Minutes of the July, 2009 were approved with one minor change.

ICC PROJECT:

Rob Shreeve from the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration presented an overview of the ICC project, its impact on the environment and what actions are being taken to mitigate the land affected by the project. A complete current update of the project is available at iccproject.com. Rob's contact information is:

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State Highway Administration
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410/545-8644 or 866/462-0020
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MC WATER RESOURCES MASTER PLAN:

Mark Symborski, MNCPPC Planner, reviewed the proposed changes to the Montgomery County Water Resources Master Plan. He outlined the general goals of the proposed revisions and the impact on water supply, waste water management and water quality. Mark's contact information is:

Mark A. Symborski
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WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD:

Jeff Schwartz and Brian Straathof updated the Committee on their goals to determine the need for a program, develop a meaningful program and determine the target market. They plan to attend one of the upcoming sessions in Harford County and invited the rest of the committee to join them.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The final two meetings for 2009 are scheduled for October, 27 and November, 17, at 7:00 pm at the DEP conference room.

NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Jim Hubbard, acting Chair, announced he would chair the final two meetings in 2009. He also presented options for the process of recommending members for the position Committee Chair to the County Executive. The method of selection members to recommend will be finalized in the October meeting. According to the enacting legislation, the County Executive has the purview to select a new chair and vice chair by February 15, 2010. If the County Executive does not select a chair and vice chair by February 15th, the committee must select them.

VICE CHAIR:

Linda Silverman proposed the establishment of an acting Vice Chair position while the Vice Chair is acting as Chair. Jim Hubbard is accepting names of persons interested in filling this position through October 5, 2009.

ABSENCES:

Jim Hubbard reminded all of the policy on absences and that we need to be mindful of our obligation and commitment to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.